

years, Searider Productions has produced incredible work and has garnered an enormous number of accolades. From highly acclaimed public service announcements to an update of an online voting Web site, the work Searider Productions has performed is outstanding.

As a former teacher and principal, I take pride in seeing students from Hawaii receive national recognition. I know that it is because of school and parental support, dedication, and commitment that these students excelled in this area. These four students have made their families, school, and community proud. I look forward to seeing the future productions by the excellent students of Waianae High School and its Searider Productions.●

#### DON BURTENSHAW: COMMUNITY SERVANT AND STATESMAN

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I pay tribute today to a very special Idahoan. Don Burtenshaw, a farmer and rancher from Terreton, is retiring from the Idaho State Senate after serving five terms representing the 35th district. Having served in the Idaho State Legislature myself, I can attest to the work that this public office entails, and I would be pleased to be honoring him today if just for that. But Don's accomplishments and influence in and around Jefferson County went far beyond a seat in the State legislature.

Don is an active member of his church and owns Burtenshaw Cattle Company. He served as a partner in the Rexburg Livestock Auction, Salmon Livestock Auction, and the Bozeman Livestock Auction. According to the West Jefferson Lions Club, who has awarded Don its prestigious Spirit of Service Award this year, his long and selfless service to the community has touched the lives of many youth and adults alike. Don served on the Jefferson County districts 251 and 253 school boards for 24 years. He also served on the board of directors for the Owsley Canal.

Over the years, he has placed particular emphasis on the children of Jefferson County. And I am sure that with the time saved from having to drive to Boise 2 or 3 months a year, he will be able to focus more on the youth in his own family, including 38 grandchildren, with another coming very soon, and 23 great grandchildren.

I congratulate Don on his dedication to his fellow Idahoans, and Susan and I wish him well as he leaves State-level public service. I am certain his public commitment will continue in other ways at home in eastern Idaho.●

#### HONORING CHARLES WHITEPIPE, SR.

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor and recognize a true hero and a great American. Charles I. Whitepipe, Sr., of Gregory, SD, passed into the spirit world at 7 on Monday

evening. Mr. Whitepipe, a Sicangu Lakota from the Rosebud tribe, valiantly served in the Army as a codetalker in World War II. He served as a "Forward Observer" on Japanese-held islands in the South Pacific, communicating by radio with a ship-based partner, using the Lakota language to direct artillery fire from ships at sea onto the islands.

During World War II, about a dozen known Sioux Indians were Army radio operators who used their native Lakota, Nakota and Dakota dialects to transmit strategic messages to foil enemy surveillance in both the Pacific and European theaters. There is no doubt that the bravery and the courage of Mr. Whitepipe and the other codetalkers helped to make the United States the free and proud place it is today. While Navajos have received the most recognition, it is important to remember that members of at least 17 other tribes also served as codetalkers in World War I and World War II.

The syntax and tonal qualities of the native languages were so complex that no message transmitted by any codetalker was ever decoded by the enemy. However, for the codetalkers who returned home there were no parades or special recognition, as they were sworn to secrecy, an oath they kept and honored, but one that robbed them of the accolades and place in history that they rightfully deserved.

The accomplishments of the codetalkers were even more heroic, given the cultural context in which they were operating. Subjected to alienation in their homeland and discouraged from speaking their native languages, they still stepped forward and developed the most significant and successful military code of their time. That spirit of military service continues today. Native Americans make up a higher percentage of servicemen and servicewomen in the armed forces than any other ethnic group in America. They have served with honor in all of America's wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War and on through our current operations in Iraq.●

#### HONORING MERRY TRUDEAU

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Merry Trudeau, a longtime employee of the Internal Revenue Service in Idaho.

Merry started with the IRS in 1976 in the collection division holding various positions, quickly advancing from clerical to Revenue representative to Revenue officer. She then advanced to problem resolution officer, which was the predecessor to the taxpayer advocate. This turned out to be Merry's true calling, and it is where my staff and I got to know her well.

All of us work with our constituents on a daily basis to help resolve issues with the IRS. Having a helpful, energetic, pleasant person at the IRS to work with makes our job so much easier. Merry is that person. She knows her

job well and she consistently seeks to serve Idahoans well. For that I am grateful.

On behalf of the hundreds, if not thousands, of Idahoans Merry has helped, I say thank you. Merry, we wish you the best in your next endeavor, knowing you will continue to serve your neighbors and community well.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF BATH, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the community of Bath, SD. After 125 years, this progressive community will have a chance to reflect on its past and future, and I congratulate the people of Bath for all that they have accomplished.

Bath is located in northeast South Dakota, within Brown County. The area that now makes up Bath Township was first settled by a trapper named Theodore A. Chose in 1878. As early as 1881, religious services were held by a Presbyterian clergyman from Watertown, and the first building, a hotel, was erected. In 1882 the Bath school district was organized, and by 1884, the civil township was organized along the same lines as the school district.

Today, Bath has come a long way from the days when several general stores and lumber yards made up the sum total of commerce. The town now boasts a variety of businesses, including those in both the services and manufacturing sectors. It also offers a variety of employment opportunities both within the township and in nearby Aberdeen, the metro area closest to Bath.

Bath has grown into a credit to Brown County and to the State of South Dakota. The people of Bath celebrated their achievements June 24-25. I am proud to join with the community members of Bath in celebrating the last 125 years and looking forward to a promising future.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by